

REMARKS

The present document is filed in reply to the Office Action dated January 24, 2008 (Office Action).

Applicant has amended claim 1 to include the limitations of claim 5. This amendment has necessitated cancellation of claim 5 and change of the dependencies for claims 6-8. For the sole purpose of moving this application toward allowance, Applicant has further cancelled claims 2-4, 9, 11-14, and 16-61.

Upon entry of above amendments, claims 1, 6-8, 10, and 15 will be pending and under examination.

Applicant would like to first point out that the Examiner has concluded that claims 5-8, 10, and 15 cover allowable subject matter and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. See the Office Action, page 4.

Claim 1, as amended, is identical to allowable claim 5 in scope. Thus, it is in condition for allowance. So are the other pending claims, i.e., claims 6-8, 10, and 15, all of which depend from claim 1.

It is believed that all of the pending claims have been addressed. However, the absence of a reply to a specific rejection, issue or comment does not signify agreement with or concession of that rejection, issue or comment.

In addition, because the arguments made above may not be exhaustive, there may be reasons for patentability of any or all pending claims (or other claims) that have not been expressed.

Finally, nothing in this paper should be construed as an intent to concede any issue with regard to any claim, except as specifically stated in this paper, and the amendment of any claim does not necessarily signify concession of unpatentability of the claim prior to its amendment.

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